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"This collaboration enables **escrow.com** to hit the ground running in the auction space -- the fastest segment in the business-to-business, business-to-consumer, and consumer-to-consumer and Internet marketplace today," said **escrow.com**, vice president of business development, Dave Brown. "**Escrow.com** has the domain expertise necessary to build secure applications for processing Internet transactions, including escrow, financing applications, and master merchant credit card services easily and quickly. The OpenMarket/ **escrow.com** relationship enhances our commerce-enabling product and service portfolio which is designed to help merchants open new business channels, profitably liquidate old inventory, and streamline business processes," Brown said.

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Escrow.com, through its relationship with OpenMarket, is providing secure escrow and trust accounting, volume purchasing and customization services. Escrow.com is also offering private labeling of this service so that other buyers and sellers may benefit from the power of escrow.com's services.

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"With the demand for on-line auctions growing rapidly, and a growing community of bidders and sellers, a new channel for generating eBusiness has opened up," said Ron Matros, President and Chief Operating Officer of OpenMarket. "We're pleased to offer a packaged set of integrated technologies that will allow companies like escrow.com/ Micro General to create online auctions, in order to expand their eBusiness presence," he said.

Micro General announced the founding of escrow.com in October 1999. For more than 15 years, Micro General has been a leader in the design of escrow programs and over 800 installations nationwide. In 1998, Micro General's escrow trust accounting software managed over \$100 billion in processed transactions; currently, the software is responsible for managing escrow balances of more than \$1 billion daily.

The trust accounting software used by escrow.com was developed by MGEN. This software is a derivative of escrow accounting software utilized by Fidelity National Financial (NYSE: FNF) one of the largest escrow solutions and transaction facilitators in the world.

ABOUT MICRO GENERAL

A full-service enterprise solutions provider, Micro General Corporation (OTC Bulletin Board: MGEN), which is seventy percent owned by Fidelity National Financial, Inc. (NYSE: FNF), offers a complete range of information technology services, encompassing proven solutions in eCommerce, Systems Integration, Application Development, and Real Estate industry applications. In mid-November 1999, the Orange County Business Journal ranked Micro General The #1 Fastest-Growing Company In Orange County This Year. It was also listed 47th in the October 1999 Bloomberg Financial Magazine featuring The 100 Fastest-growing U.S. Technology Companies (based on sales growth in their last complete fiscal year). Inclusion in this report lists Micro General among "dynamic companies that are implementing good ideas and are clearly doing something right," according to the article. Micro General employs over 200 individuals, primarily in professional and technical positions. To learn more about Micro General Corporation visit our Website at: www.microgeneral.com or call (949) 622-3927.

Micro General has uniquely positioned itself as an international eCommunications solutions provider comprised of the following business units:

ACS Systems, Inc. -- provides transformational eBusiness solutions designed to expand business markets and enhance internal efficiencies for any enterprise via the Internet. Micro General automates and facilitates the customer's distributed communications through careful integration of resources, technology and information. These technologies encompass eCommerce business-to-business solutions, eCommerce business-to-consumer solutions, Systems Integration technology, and advanced Enterprise Network Telephony services.

ACS Real Estate Group -- offers custom project-based software solutions specifically targeting the real estate industry designed to simplify real estate transactions utilizing trust, escrow and title- related software development capabilities. These products provide proprietary solutions to workflow and document management challenges by

electronically connecting all parties involved in real estate transactions. With over 400 current installations presently these capabilities encompasses the development, sales, installation, training, and support capabilities of Micro General.

Escrow.com(TM) and its operating subsidiaries -- offer comprehensive e-commerce solutions that protect both buyers and sellers against fraud. Officially launching the site in January, 2000, the escrow.com family of companies are stand-alone businesses operating independently of Micro General, a majority-owned subsidiary of [Fidelity National Financial](#). The companies' architecture and infrastructure is focused on providing an open, secure, scalable and 100 percent reliable business application and is unmatched by major shopping, auction, business-to-business sales, portals and other purchasing sites.

L.D. Exchange, Inc. -- is a facilities-based, wholesale long- distance carrier providing international telecommunications termination services. As a major strategic component to Micro General's telecommunications and Internet telephony initiative, L.D. Exchange has offices in the western and eastern U.S. Today the company delivers both domestic and international termination services and offers a full suite of retail business telecommunications services.

ABOUT OPENMARKET

Founded in 1994, OpenMarket, Inc. (Nasdaq: OMKT) is the market- share leader in Internet commerce software with more than 30,000 merchant licenses sold worldwide and over 12,000 in production. OpenMarket offers an integrated set of open, scaleable applications that enable enterprises to move their businesses to the Web. OpenMarket's products enable companies to build dynamic, personalized, revenue generating Web sites that are cost effective, easy to manage and quickly adapt to changing business requirements. Among OpenMarket's distinguished roster of global customers are many of the most popular domains on the Web, including Lycos.com, AOL.com, and the Wall Street Journal Interactive Edition; major industrials such as [Acer](#), [Ingram Micro](#), [Milacron](#), and [Siemens](#); and 10 of the world's top 13 national telephone companies. OpenMarket's content management software is used by companies including [Lucent Technologies](#), Financial Times of London, [Hitachi](#), and Chase Manhattan Bank. The company, headquartered in Burlington, Massachusetts, has a presence in 30 countries. OpenMarket's international head office is in the UK with additional offices in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and The Netherlands. OpenMarket can be reached by calling 1-888-OPEN-MKT (toll-free) or 1-781-359-3000 in the U.S. or +44 (0)1753 838 000 in the U.K. or by visiting <http://www.openmarket.com>.

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